

means of market development assistance, exchange of delegations, buyers-sellers meet, and participation in trade fairs etc. besides, policy liberalisation has been effected to facilitate the export of sandalwood products. No export promotion is contemplated for sandalwood itself which remains a restricted export item, for environmental reasons.

Export and Import by Foreign Firms

4333 SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that some foreign firms are importing goods at higher rates in the country and exporting the goods at cheaper rates from the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for allowing these firms and the total loss of foreign exchange incurred thereon during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check this practice?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

New Coal Mines

4334 SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open new coal mines in the coal rich belt of the country; and

(b) if so, the places where such mines are likely to be opened particularly in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following coal mines are likely to be opened in the coal bearing areas of the States including Madhya Pradesh.

Company	Mine	State
1	2	3
CCL	Topa OC	Bihar
	Jharkhand OC	Bihar
	Karo Ph-1 OC	Bihar
	Kaveri OC	Bihar

1	2	3
BCCL	N. Urimari OC	Bihar
	Tapin OC	Bihar
	Salunga-Jeenag Orah OC	Bihar
	Bina Min-II OC	Uttar Pradesh
WCL	Block B OC	Madhya Pradesh
MCL	Towa UG	Madhya Pradesh
	Urdhan OC	Madhya Pradesh
	Nirguda OC	Maharashtra
	Pauni OC	Maharashtra
BCCL	Dhorwasa OC	Maharashtra
	Kulda	Orissa
	KTK 9 & 9 A Block -2	Andhra Pradesh
	KTK-3	Andhra Pradesh
	YD OC, "D"	Andhra Pradesh
	Chinnur-3 Inclulne	Andhra Pradesh
	21 Inc. Yd. BG	Andhra Pradesh

[Translation]

New Coal Mines in Maharashtra

4335. SHRI KACHARU BHAI RAUT : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the names and the locations of coal mines in Maharashtra in which mining work has been started during the last three years;

(b) the progress made in the production of coal in new coal mines opened recently;

(c) the time by which mining work in each of these new mines is likely to be completed and the quantum of coal likely to be extracted after the completion of work in these new coal mines; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred on each new coal mine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) to (d). Coal projects, each costing Rs.20 crores and above, in the State of Maharashtra under Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) where implementation was started during last three years alongwith details of ultimate capacity, sanctioned capital outlay, schedule of completion and coal production achieved during

1995-96 are under

Project	Distt	Date of sanction	Capacity (mty)	sanctioned cost (Rs crs)	Scheduled of completion	Production during 1995-96 (m.t.)
1. Sasti RO US	Chandrapur	April '93	0.36	38.24	March '98	0.23
2. Mugoli OC	Yeotmal	Jan '95	0.80	83.63	Marh '99	0.31
3. Telwasa OC	Chandrapur	Feb '95	0.45	42.10	March '99	

[English]

Grant-In-Aid to Export Inspection Council of India

4336. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the government have stopped the grant-in-aid for payment of salary and other expenses to the employees of Export Inspection Council of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the account from which the employees of Export Inspection council of India are being paid salary/allowances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The employees of the Export Inspection council of India (EIC) are being paid their salary/allowances from the grants received from Government of India Ministry of Commerce. However, the EIC has reported that occasionally, in the absence of sufficient funds, the EIC raise short term loan from Export Inspection Agency-Delhi to meet its immediate requirements and the same is repaid within the shortest possible time.

Setting up of Industries in Punjab

4337. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the number of industries set up and proposed to be set up in Punjab with foreign investment alongwith its sectors;

(b) the quantum of foreign investment made therein and employment generated therefrom; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to attract more foreign investment in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) (a) to (c) Sector-wise break up of industries set up in Punjab alongwith foreign investment made therein is given in the statement enclosed.

Data on employment generation with specific linkage to foreign direct investment is not centrally maintained. However, any investment in the industrial sector, whether domestic or foreign, does result in generation of employment opportunities.

Government constantly reviews the investment policy so as to make it increasingly competitive and investor friendly. The Central Government has recently revamped the Foreign Investment Promotion Board to make the approval process quicker and more transparent. In addition, the Government has set up a Foreign Investment Promotion council (FIPC) comprising of distinguished and well known experts who will catalyse, manage and coordinate investment promotion and marketing efforts.

Under the present Industrial Policy, the State Government are required to provide the requisite infrastructure facilities, amenable law and order situation and other facilities for attracting investment to their States. Industrialisation of the State is therefore to a very great extent dependent on the efforts of the State Government to attract investment in the State. Government of India plays a supportive and pro-active role.

STATEMENT

Sector wise break-up of foreign direct investment and technical collaboration approved during the period (01/08/91 to 31/10/96) for Punjab

(Rs. in Crores)

S.No.	Name of Industry	Total	Tech	Total Fin	Amount of FDI Approved	% of Total Amount Approved
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Mettallurgical Industries					
	Non-Ferrous	1	0	1	3.25	0.40
	Total	1	0	1	3.25	0.40